Major International Critical Minerals Summit Hosted by the CMI Gathers to Debate EV 2030 Demands

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CMI Summit II Draws Critical Mineral Expert Speakers and C-Suite Panelists to Toronto on June 14-15

Toronto, May 18, 2023 — The <u>Critical Minerals Institute</u> (CMI), founded for education, collaboration, and to address critical minerals supply chain challenges, is pleased to announce that it will be holding its second international conference on June 14-15, 2023, in Toronto, Canada. The CMI Summit II has the theme "Under Pressure: The Critical Minerals Industry Addresses EV 2030 Demands" and will feature two days of panels and international speakers including keynote speakers Constantine Karayannopoulos, CEO & Director from <u>Neo Performance Materials Inc.</u> (TSX: NEO) on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, and Mark Chalmers, President, CEO & Director, <u>Energy Fuels Inc.</u> (NYSE American: UUUU | TSX: EFR), on Thursday, June 15, 2023.

"If you are an investor, government agency, explorer, producer or committed to understanding the challenges and benefits of producing the technologies and critical minerals needed to fuel the green energy of the near future, you simply must attend," said CMI Managing Director Tracy Weslosky. "It will be a 'Who's Who' of the sector providing their unique insights into this

rapidly evolving sector."

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CMI Summit II panels include industry executives and thought leaders from over 3-dozen companies in this 2-day mega event:

- The Critical Minerals Global Market Challenge
- Breaking the bonds of China Reliance, Sustainability, and the Rare Earths Supply Chain: Are we there yet, or have we just begun?
- How Governments are Responding to the Demand for Critical Minerals
- Mission Impossible? EV Demand Hits the Automotive Industry for its Critical Minerals Needs Head On.
- Enter Stage Right, Meet the Critical Mineral Technologies with the Power to Disrupt (absolutely) Everything.
- Raising the Rare Earths Stakes (A discussion on the overall rare earths market that will range from exploration to M&A interest!)
- The Qualified Professional Drought: If we Build It, Will they Come?
- Decarbonizing the Economy From Carbon Credits to the latest in ESG, the Trend for a Better World is Officially Here.
- From Billionaires to Banks, How Critical Minerals got their Power.

"We are now at an inflection point for our society," said Jack Lifton, Co-Founder & Co-Chairman of the Critical Minerals Institute. "If we can secure the supplies and the processing capacity for the minerals critical for the technologies we now take for granted in our daily lives, then our nations will flourish and grow. If not, then our standard of living will

decline, and those who have the critical minerals and the industrial bases to refine and fabricate them will surge ahead of us. Our politicians and policymakers are woefully ignorant of this reality. This is the greatest danger of all to our lifestyle and security."

Melissa "Mel" Sanderson, Director, Critical Minerals Institute & President and Executive Director, American Rare Earths Limited (ASX: ARR | OTCQB: ARRNF) will host a panel on securing a domestic supply chain for critical minerals: "Transforming To Win: How A Greener Economy Can Beat China." She comments that "Time and again, the US has led the world into new paths through its own economic transformation. The stakes this time are higher than they ever have been, and failure — or faltering — is not an option."

Featured speaker Dan Blondal, CEO, Director & Founder, Nano One Materials Corp. (TSX: NANO), will address the urgent need for practical solutions for a green energy future: "If batteries are going to replace oil, then we better start thinking BIG like oil producers. Net-zero needs 300 TWh of batteries, loaded with 500 million tonnes of cathode materials, and we won't get there if we don't change our wasteful ways."

The second annual Critical Minerals Summit will be held on June 14-15, 2023, in Toronto, Canada, at the historic National Club. Space is limited. The full schedule of panels will include representatives of Canadian and American governments as well as industry leaders and companies. Details and registration for the Summit is now open at CriticalMineralsSummit.com. Tickets to the two-day event are available at: To register for the CMI Summit II, click here

The Critical Minerals Institute was created to offer education, collaboration and an online resource to learn about critical

mineral projects, emerging technologies, legislative initiatives, government funding, human capital needs, and capital market investment opportunities. There is no charge or sign up required for access to the Critical Minerals Institute website: CriticalMineralsInstitute.com. A range of enhanced benefits are available to individual and corporate members of the CMI, including attendance at the CMI Summit, virtual events and additional resources. For details see: CMI Membership.

About the Critical Minerals Institute: The Critical Mineral Institute (CMI) is an international organization for companies and professionals focused on battery materials, technology metals, defense metals, ESG technologies and practices, the general EV market, and the use of critical minerals for energy and alternative energy production. Offering an online site that features job opportunities that range from consulting roles to Advisory Board positions, the CMI offers a wide range of B2B service solutions. Also offering online and in-person events, the CMI is designed for education, collaboration, and to provide professional opportunities to meet the critical minerals supply chain challenges.

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